

HONORING CLIFFORD THEODORE SHUMATE

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful father and grandfather, resourceful businessman, and lifelong Kentuckian that, unfortunately, passed away on June 21, 2003. I speak of Clifford Theodore Shumate, a self-made man that rose from humble beginnings to build a successful textile-manufacturing outfit that now stretches across Kentucky's Bluegrass Region.

Clifford Shumate was born on September 9, 1914 in Fleming County, Kentucky. The eldest of seven children, Mr. Shumate struggled to provide for his family. When he was just eight years old, Mr. Shumate completed the third grade and was sent to work the land as a tenant farmer. Although he received only a limited formal education, Mr. Shumate was, nevertheless, a knowledgeable man that learned a great deal from his own experiences and self-determination.

In 1933, Mr. Shumate married Carrie Spivey and, together, they founded Griffin Manufacturing in Carlisle, Kentucky. In 1948, with resources totaling about \$6,000 and a workforce of only eight employees, Mr. and Mrs. Shumate oversaw a modest t-shirt manufacturing operation. It took little time, however, for this small company to grow.

Within a year, Mr. Shumate expanded his company to include a second Carlisle factory with 150 employees. Following the construction of a third factory in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, Mr. Shumate consolidated all of his plants into a new 36,000 square foot facility in Nicholas County. By 1973, with new plants in Paris, Cynthiana, and Maysville, Kentucky, Mr. Shumate administered a company with over 3,000 employees.

Clearly, Mr. Shumate's accomplishments in his home state of Kentucky cannot be questioned. However, his personal resolve and desire to grow led Mr. Shumate to open international facilities in Merelbeke, Belgium and Carlton Place, Canada.

After 33 years of service, Mr. and Mrs. Shumate retired in 1980. They left the company, now known as Kentucky Textiles, in the same manner in which they created it—together. Mr. Shumate's international textile firm, which began 55 years ago as a small t-shirt manufacturer in Carlisle, still remains in family hands. Mr. Shumate's son, Wayne, and his grandchildren, Cliff and Paige, are continuing the legacy that Clifford Shumate began long ago, at the age of eight, on the family farm in Fleming County, Kentucky.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes 297–300. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall

No. 297: "Yea"; rollcall No. 298: "Yea"; rollcall No. 299: "Yea"; rollcall No. 300: "Yea."

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAPE'S RANCH

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Mape's Ranch in Modesto, California.

Mape's Ranch was founded by E.T. Mape in 1923. The historic 10,000 acres of farmland and wetlands is nestled against the Stanislaus, Toulumne and San Joaquin Rivers, about ten miles west of Modesto. The primary crops produced by Mape's Ranch include wheat, corn, almonds, watermelons, tomatoes, and plums. The ranch also raises beef cattle, and is known as "The Home Of One-Ton Bulls," and has as its famous slogan, "Breed the Best, and Forget the Rest."

These days, Mape's Ranch is owned and operated by the nephew of E.T. Mape, William "Bill" Lyons, Sr., his wife Mary Lynn Houghtaling Lyons, and their six children. Bill and Mary Lyons were both born in Minnesota, and married in 1949. This third generation family ranching business has built itself on family values, hard work, and dedication, and is looking forward to celebrating eighty years of active involvement with the California agriculture community.

The Lyons family, encompassing Bill and Mary, their six children, twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, is recognized throughout the state as community leaders. Bill Sr. has been honored with the following community awards: Modesto Chamber of Commerce President's Award, 1991, the "Fred Prince Memorial" Good Egg Award, and the Stanislaus/San Joaquin County Cattlemen of the Year Award, 1984.

I am honored to personally know each member of the Lyon's family and it is with great honor that I commemorate the 80th anniversary of Mape's Ranch, a true icon of the Central Valley of California.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as a co-chair of the newly formed Refugee Caucus, I rise on behalf of the world's 15 million refugees on the eve of World Refugee Day, which occurred last Friday, June 20th.

We know that the plight of refugees throughout the world is precarious. They have fled war, persecution, natural disasters, and severe poverty in their home countries. The lucky few live in camps, where attempts are made to provide the basic necessities but disease and hopelessness run rampant.

Those not in the camps are left to fend for themselves, aliens in a foreign land where they often lack food and shelter. Refugees who try to find work are often exploited and many women and children refugees become victims of forced sex trafficking rings.

It is not only important to remember the plight of the refugees, but also to remember those who have reached out to help the refugees. We know that UNHCR, The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, International Rescue Committee, Immigration Refugee Services of America, International Catholic Migration Agency, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Church World Service, and many others provide tremendous and compassionate support for refugees throughout the world.

We also know that numerous governments have been generous in accepting refugees into their borders, including many in Africa. I would like to take a moment to recognize one of these governments—The Republic of Zambia.

For the last three decades, Zambia has been one of the most generous hosts of refugees in the world. Zambia's history of refugee protection began with its independence in 1964, when it hosted refugees fleeing wars in Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. By 1967, UNHCR was operational in Zambia and remains today, working in partnership to protect refugees. Through the years, Zambia has afforded refugees freedom of movement, access to educational and social services including medical treatment, and land for farming.

In recent years Zambia has generously hosted over 280,000 refugees. Last year, Zambia launched an innovative and collaborative response to under-developed in local communities greatly impacted by large-scale and long-term refugee populations. The United States contributed \$1 million to the "Zambian Initiative" which has worked to integrate long-staying Angolan refugees in Zambia's West Province. By promoting longer-term development of the education, health, environment and agriculture sectors and by allowing refugees and local populations to have equal access to these programs, the Zambian Initiative has offered a model to all countries hosting refugees.

I commend the continuing efforts of the Zambian government in seeking progressive national policies that have helped integrate refugees into their nation. I hope that the generosity of Zambia towards refugees and asylum seekers can be fully recognized by both our government and governments throughout the world. I am confident that they will continue to remain a generous supporter of refugees and hope that other nations will follow their example.

GROWING CONCERNS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATRIOT ACT OF 2001

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, in the immediate aftermath of the September 11th attacks, Congress enacted and the President signed into law the Patriot Act of 2001. As we all know, the country was in a state of shock over the events of September 11th, and the bill was an immediate reaction to that—being drafted, briefly debated, approved, and signed into law by October 26, 2001, a mere six weeks after the attacks.